



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 10, 2015



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Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

St. Ann's Parish Mission

St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

<p>Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 10th <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:00 a.m. +Bertha Lejk & Theresa Csordas <i>by the Lejk family</i> 10:30 a.m. Mothers of St. Ann parishioners 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) May Crowning (Faith Formation) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 11th	7:00 a.m. +Dorothy Storer <i>by the Tran & Nguyen family</i>	4:00 p.m. Gym in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Church in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 12th	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions <i>by the Nguyen family</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	7:00 p.m. Home School meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2) Gym in use
Wednesday 13th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Daniel Harris <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	9:00 a.m. Science (All rooms) 7:00 p.m. CSS (Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts Parish Council (Café) St. Vincent de Paul Society (Conference room)
Thursday 14th <i>Ascension</i>	7:00 a.m. Intentions for Father David J. Dattmer <i>by the Curlin family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Missa Octo Vocum</i> (Mass) +Gladys LeRouge by Pat & Jim Klass	1:00 p.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Fraternal meeting (Gym)
Friday 15th	8:30 a.m. Intention for Robert Tepens <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	1:00 p.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2) Home School
Saturday 16th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions for Neil Purvis <i>by the Rothe family</i>	8:30 a.m. FIAT Discernment Day (Café & Gym) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Church in use Scout room in use 10:00 a.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2) 11:00 a.m. Church in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 6:00 p.m. Teams of Our Lady (Café & Kitchen) Gym in use
Sunday 17th	8:00 a.m. +Elizabeth DeHority 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Maggie Harris <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	9:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation class 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2)



Dear Parishioners,

St. Ann's Service Day last Sunday was a terrific success! I am very grateful to all of you who helped out in any way. It's a wonderful thing when our parish family can pull together like this for a special project.

Please also remember that we're having a very special Mass this Thursday, 14 May 2015, at 7 p.m. in honor of the **Ascension of the Lord**. This Latin Mass will be special because the music will be provided not just by our choir, but by an orchestra. For many centuries the Church has elevated the solemnity of a Mass by providing enhanced musical settings. As the Ascension of the Lord is one of most important feast days of the year, it's appropriate for us to celebrate it with this type of musical complement. For those of you who came to our orchestral Mass last Ascension Thursday, you'll remember what an auditory treat it was! So many of us enjoy going to concerts in which various Mass settings are performed by orchestras. But Thursday we are providing the best of both worlds: concert-quality music performed in the service of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

For all of our young men in the parish who are ages 15-25, the annual **Diocese of Charlotte Quo Vadis Days** will take place June 15-19, 2015, at Belmont Abbey College. This is a camp designed to help young men come to know Jesus better and to discern their vocation. It's also a lot of fun! The priests and seminarians of the diocese run the camp, and there's time each day devoted both to prayer and fun activities. The camp fee is \$100 (and need-based scholarships are available by speaking with me). You can register by going to: <http://www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days> . I do hope many of you young men will join us!

Lastly, we are preparing to create a new pictorial directory for the parish. It's been 5 years since we did the last one, so it's time for an update! These directories are great because they help us to put a name to those faces we see at Mass every Sunday. So please take the time to have a family picture taken this month at one of the allotted appointment times. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 professional family portrait. You can make an appointment for your family picture by going to: <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2210129629?schedule=stannscatholicchurch>

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being larger and more prominent.

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Your Stewardship of Treasure
772 registered families

April 26, 2015	11,648.00
Weekly Budget:	14,842.31
YTD Total:	631,275.44
YTD Budget:	638,219.33
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	-6,943.89

Currently, our offertory is **6,943.89 lower** than what we've budgeted for at this point in the fiscal year. Please be as generous as possible!

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity.

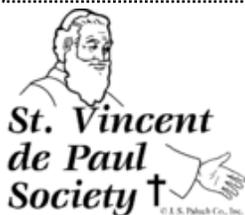
DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	77,557.00
Received:	52,972.00
Donors:	172

WEDDING ORBANS

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II: Sarah Martin-Joshua Hackman
23 of May, 2015 1:30 p.m.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the St Vincent de Paul Society you fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus loved you.

Please consider sharing your contact information with those who adore during your Adoration hour. If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our Lord during that hour. *It is your responsibility to get a replacement when you will not be able to do your Adoration hour.*



"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts." (Sirach 35:7)

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first & third weekends of every month: The next collection is the weekend of **May 16th-17th and June 6th-7th and 20th-21st.**

Endowments for St. Ann Parish:

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish & our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish & 2000 for the school, are for the general & pastoral needs of our parish & school & were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds & how you can make a contribution, contact Judy Smith in the Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte at 704-370-3320 or at jmsmith@charlottediocese.org.

May 10, 2015
6th Sunday of Easter

A Mother's love is eternal. By making a planned gift to an endowment in your mother's name, you create a perpetual remembrance of her love. Honor Mom this Mother's Day and pass on the faith that was so important to her by establishing a new endowment or making a gift to an existing endowment in her name.



For more information visit our website at www.charlottediocese.org/giving and follow the link to *Planned Giving.*

BAPTISMS

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Welcome to our parish family
Matthias Sabastian Quinn



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Altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Bertha Lejk & Theresa Csordas by the Lejk family

COMING EVENTS MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

The next **Baptismal Preparation** class is **Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.** Call the parish office for details.

New Pictorial Directory! Sign up for your family portrait today. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app & online directory. **The dates for photography will be May 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th. May 21st, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.** All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. *Thank you for your participation, and smile!* Go to the following link to make an appointment. <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2210129629?schedule=stannscatholicchurch>. **1-877-896-9667x325 call today.**

CPCC Early Music Ensemble and Carolina Catholic Chorale will provide music for our **Thursday, May 14th Mass at 7:00 p.m.** The Ascension of Our Lord (Hassier's Missa Octo Vocum). For more information visit <http://carolinacatholicchorale.weebly.com/>.

FIAT Discernment Day with the PCPAs: All high school and college-age young women interested in learning more about our life as Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration are invited. The event will be held **Saturday, May 16th at St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte from 8:00 a.m. to 12noon.** The day will include Adoration, Confessions, Holy Mass, breakfast, and talks with the Sisters and Q&A time. The event is free, but those attending are asked to **RSVP** to vocations@stjosephmonastery.com.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, May 12th for Sunday, May 17, 2015

Tuesday, May 19th for Sunday, May 24, 2015

Tuesday, May 26th for Sunday, May 31, 2015

Pro-Life Ministry

To sign up for *respect life email list*, email Mary B. Richardson at worthingtonmarybeth@gmail.com.

Join us every Sunday at 12 noon in the chapel for the Respect Life Rosary. All are welcome.

Pregnant and need assistance? MiraVia offers practical help for women of all ages, married or unmarried. Call 704-525-4673.

Belmont Abbey College Scholarship: St. Ann's proudly offers a \$2,500 scholarship to a registered parishioner attending Belmont Abbey College for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applications consist of two essays. Application information can be obtained by contacting Karl Kaufmann at karl.f.kaufmann@gmail.com. **Completed applications are due by Monday, June 8, 2015.**

Stewardship Opportunity! St Ann Summer Catechesis scheduled for June 22nd-26th, is looking for young-at-heart adults and energetic teen helpers (rising 6th grade and up) willing to share their talents and love for Christ with children of our parish (ages 4 - rising 5th graders)! All talents and time commitments welcomed! Please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com for more info or to sign up.

Fraternus Ranch: Take the Challenge: St. Ann's is eligible to attend the annual Fraternus Summer Ranch, which takes place in the North Georgia Mountains from **June 7th-12th.** The week promises to be filled with adventure such as whitewater rafting, but will ultimately be a spiritually challenging and formative event, with Fr. Quinn Mann and Fr. Brian Doerr in attendance along with priests, seminarians, and Fraternus Brothers from around the country. Open to ages 11-111 (youth and adults). Sign up today at fraternus.net, and use the promo code NEWCHAPTER to get a \$50 discount. Spaces are limited so sign up today.



Our parishioners: Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Bob Brewer, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy

Graves, and Georgia Lewis.

Our friends & family: Marlowe Regan (niece of MaryAnn Conrad), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold & Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann & Ben Conrad), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), Tom Storer, Josh Duncan, Sara Lathan (neighbor to Robina & Bart Walker), Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Sandra & Frank Tamplin, Anna Lamb, Aaron Brickner, Lisa Dixon Collins (sister of Steve Dixon), and Fred Basil. *Incarcerated:* Adele Ceuse.

Our servicemen & servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC & PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, Lt. JG Grace Portigue, USN.

IN NEED OF PRAYER? St. Ann's Prayer Group, volunteers who love to pray to God. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the request. Email your request to stannpray_ers@comporium.net or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Fellow Brothers & Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active & auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100 year old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. Millions of members around the world have formed themselves into a Legion to perform works of spiritual & corporal works of mercy as part of the church's evangelizing mission. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Come see what we're about & how you can help. Contact Benjamin Laurell by email bclaurell@gmail.com or by phone: 704-975-0242.

Prayer cards of our Statues are available in the North Vestibule. A donation of \$0.50 per card.

Ceramics meets **Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 a.m. & Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** All are invited to come.

The World Rosary meets **Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. All are invited.

Babysitting will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times on **Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** by Melissa Lewis, call Melissa at 704-287-8112. or email her at mmlewis28@yahoo.com.

St. Ann Scouting programs. Cub Pack 162: 1st through 5th grade boys. Activities: introduction to citizenship, service & family camping. Boys progress in rank by grade. Contact Walter at 704-301-8864. **Boy Scout Troop 162:** Rank Advancement based on learned skills, merit badges, service & leadership, leading to the Eagle Scout award. Contact: Rip Farris, Scout Master at 704-699-6464 or ripray@mac.com.

The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration's store - St. Joseph Monastery Gift Shop - Many new products in stock, including Catholic tee shirts and a new line of uniquely beautiful hand cast bronze medals and jewelry. We have many great gifts for those Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation items. Also available are items crafted by the Nuns, including rosaries, chaplets, decorated candles, pouches & more. **The gift shop is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** The store is located at 3452 Willow Oak Road, behind St. Ann's Activity Center. The phone number is 704-999-6054.

*Please help with the day-to-day perishable & non-perishable items needed by the Poor Clares, sign up at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AEA923A57-essential1/10089521>. Or go to www.signupgenius.com & click on "find a sign up". Enter the email address: nuns@stjosephmonastery.com & click on the sign up link. *Your donations are greatly appreciated.**

St. Gerard's Meals Ministry

Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

Holy Family Playgroup: Building relationships with mothers and children of all ages in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. Playtime is usually Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at various locations during the school year. Subscribe to our group at holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.com. Questions call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112.

Fr. Reid invites **all members of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity** to come & pray our daily prayers together **first Thursday of each month after Confession at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** Our prayers are beautiful & prayed together are more powerful bringing many blessings to our membership & community.

Teams of Our Lady (www.teamsofourlady.org) is an international movement of small groups of Catholic couples who wish to deepen their marriage as Christ intended come together monthly to share a meal, share their Catholic Faith and encourage one another through prayer and study. For more information please contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or tmathis3@me.com.

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life & the lives of your family & friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**



Lighthouse Catholic Media: Your \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. Want to get the Newest & Never before Released CD sent to the yourself or a loved one? Go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub & enter St. Ann's Promo Code: 33769 so St. Ann's gets the credit.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



St. Ann's School News

As our school continues to expand, we welcome St. Ann parishioners to become a part of our school community as well as our Church community. We offer a strong, faith-based

curriculum as well as an expanded academic curriculum. Are you planning for the future education of your children? We offer grades PK (4-year-olds), TK, K-5th grade & a Learning/Language Stimulation Program. Call for additional information 704-525-4938 or stop to take a tour.

Support St. Ann School! Link your *Harris Teeter VIC Card* to St. Ann School #1931 at the register or by calling 1-800-432-6111. St. Ann also earns 1% on purchases made with a Target Debit or Credit Red Card. Link yours on the Take Charge of Education website www.target.com/tcoe.

St. Vincent de Paul Preschool Registration: Fall 2015 registration, for children ages 2-5, has begun for St. Vincent de Paul Preschool. If your child would benefit from a faith-based, developmentally appropriate program, please call Mary Helen or Sonya at 704-644-4656 or email preschool@st.vincentdepaulchurch.com to schedule a tour or for more information. **New for 2015-2016:** A TK class will be offered for 5-year-old children who need extra development time. Register early to reserve your child's place; classes are filling quickly and waiting lists have been started. Registration forms may be found at www.stvincentdepaulchurch.com/preschool.

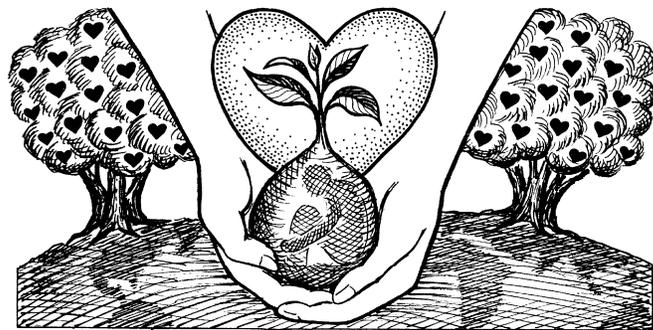
The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) **Catholic Schools Special Needs Program.** This program – Providing an Appropriate Academic Catholic Education (PACE)-will be at Our Lady of Assumption School (OLA) at 4225 Shamrock Rd. The PACE Program is designed for students in 2nd-5th grades who have been identified as having a specific learning disability in the areas of reading & writing & who need a small, self-contained setting in order to achieve on grade level in all academic subjects. The goal of the program is to remediate significant weaknesses so that students can return to the general education classroom. Contact Kathleen Miller at 704-370-3355 or Allana Rae-Ramkissoon at 704-531-0067.

Homeschooling 2015-2016: Catholic Classical Enrichment is a weekly home school program at St. Ann's for children in PK through 8th grade. Engaging a child's natural ability for memory work, the elementary program seeks to help parents to develop a Catholic and classical foundation of knowledge for their homeschooled child(ren). Additionally, Catholic Classical Enrichment offers weekly lessons in Sacred Music and Art. Beginning this fall, CCE is adding a middle school component to the program, which provides instruction in Latin, History and Writing. **Registration for the 2015-2016 academic year is open for St. Ann's parishioners. Any remaining spots are now available to non-parishioners.**

Questions or requests for registration forms may be sent to Kathleen Lewis at Lewisfamily555@gmail.com.

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School katherinetlauer@gmail.com or 704-898-7323.

Catholic Home school Conference is May 22nd and May 23rd: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Carolina Home school Conference will be held at **Belmont Abbey College Dining Hall**, 100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Road on Friday, May 22nd 12noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 23rd 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Confirmed speakers include: Fr. Joseph May Brown, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Catherine Moran, Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mrs. May Ellen Barrett, and Mrs. Melissa Savage. *Admission is free and pre-registration is not required.* Call 540-636-1946 or www.ihmcoference.org.



*It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
-- John 15:16*

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



MiraVia (formerly *Room At The Inn*) announces our fifteenth Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Brunch - “**Links FORE Life**”. **Monday, May 18th at Cedarwood Country Club**, we will have something for everyone! The brunch will feature a spiritual reflection with Abbot Placid Solari, Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College. Tickets are \$30/person. Golf tournament registration is \$130/golfer. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. both events kick-off at 11:00 a.m. Brunch guests will be finished by noon. Pre-registration is required for both events. Website at www.mira-via.org, call Mary Paul Forsyth at 704-525-4673 ext. 13, or email marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org.

Bishop Peter Jugis is seeking your input. In preparation for the Synod on the Family in October of this year, comment is being sought from Catholics all over the world on the bishops' working document, the Relatio. Although this is a time-consuming request, it is also an opportunity to learn more about our great faith. **You can read the Relatio and answer the survey questions by visiting the diocesan website at www.Charlottediocese.org**, where there is a link to the survey on the homepage. *Please allow several hours to complete this task.*



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YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter please contact Mary Wright, Director of Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte. As **college students** in our Diocese are returning to area college campuses we invite them (and you) to get connected with **Diocesan Sponsored Catholic Campus Ministry.** Go to www.catholiccampus.com.

Come join the young adults of St. Peter for upcoming spiritual, social, & service events. Check out our meetup page at: <http://www.meetup.com/St-Peters-Catholic-Young-Adult-Ministry-Charlotte-NC/> or contact Andrea McElveen at andrea.mcelveen@gmail.com for more information. All in their 20's & 30's are welcome!

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

In the readings we are commanded to love one another. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that through living in love we will have complete joy! Attend a **Marriage Encounter** to gain the tools to truly love your spouse more and receive the joy that it can bring. For more information go to: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Retrouaille is a program for married couples who are struggling with problems in their marriage. Some couples come to **Retrouaille** during the initial signs of a problem. Others are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. These couples sometimes consider the **Retrouaille** program their final option. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouaillenc@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org.

There is hope, healing & forgiveness following abortion. **Rachel's Vineyard** is a week-end retreat for women & men to begin their healing journey. Please contact Shelley, 828-230-4940 or visit: rachelsvineyard.org. Our dates for our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: **June 12th-15th (English) in Charleston Area.** Call Christy 803-554-6088 or grace4healing@gmail.com. This is the time. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course (with intro.) will be offered in **Charlotte at St. Matthew Catholic Church May 30th.**

Topics to be covered include:

- * Effectiveness of modern NFP methods
- * Health risks of popular contraceptives
- * Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual
- * Church teaching on responsible parenting
- * And...how to use NFP

For more information, go to ccdccc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities (704)-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

Natural Family Planning: Sympto-Thermal

Method. All classes are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Hack home, in North Charlotte. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Scholarships are available. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at (704) 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Calling **All Women**, to join us on **Monday, May 11th** for the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Spring Luncheon & Reflection at St. Patrick at 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Reflection given by Fr. John Putnam. For more information and to RSVP go to our website at www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org or contact **Veronica Cortes** at 704-877-1995.

Fortnight For Freedom: There will be a **Religious Liberty March and Prayer Vigil** on **June 26th**. We will begin the march at the parking lot at 1524 Palmer St. Charlotte, NC at **11:30 a.m.** Instructions prior to marching will begin at 11:15 a.m. The march will include Fr. Michael Kottar pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Shelby, NC preaching at Trade and Tryon Streets followed by the *Litany for Religious Liberty*. Then we will pray the *Rosary* and the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* in front of the Federal Courthouse at 401 W. Trade Streets. Questions e-mail: religiousliberty@windstream.net or call Tina at 704-301-2531 and visit www.marchforlifecharlotte.org/relib.html

Crusader Tennis Camps at Belmont Abbey College: Players of all levels, ages 6-18 are invited to are invited tennis camps this summer at Belmont Abbey College. Please visit www.CrusaderTennisCamps.com for more information contact Head Coach Mike Salomon at crusadertenniscamp@gmail.com or call 202-460-0031.

Open your heart and home to a Catholic exchange student from Spain and Germany for the coming 2015-2016 school year. Volunteer host families for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. ***It is not too early to apply.*** For information please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org.





Mark Your Calendars!
September 11th & 12th
Eucharistic Congress
www.goecucharist.com

The **St. Matthew Catholic Church Peace and Justice Ministry** is offering an **Immigration Forum on May 17th at 2:00 p.m.** Please prayerfully consider participating in this event. For more information, email Bruce Mlakar at BruceMlakar@gmail.com.

The **St. Matthew Columbiette's** are holding their spring **Treasures in the Trunk Sale on Saturday, May 16th, from 8:00 a.m.-12noon.** For more information, call Norma Ramirez at 704-995-0025.

St. Matthew Catholic Church is hosting an **educational program entitled Understanding Adolescent Substance Abuse. Two meetings are offered on Wednesday, May 27th, at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Matthew Catholic Church invites all physicians, nurses and nurses' aides to join the **Divine Mercy Healthcare Apostolate**. If you feel the call to be a Divine Mercy Healthcare Apostolate, please join us for an informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** For information, email Thomas F. Coyle MD at tcoylemd@gmail.com.

St. Matthew Catholic Church will offer a **St. Peregrine Healing Prayer Service on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m.** St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer and grave diseases. This powerful healing prayer service is offered for all those suffering with cancer or other diseases.

29th Annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, May 19th at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Check in is at 9:15 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. the closing Mass is at 2:50 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 Please contact Sandra Breakfield for more details at 704-370-3220, sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org.

2015 NC Marian Rosary Congress: "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together". Event at **St. Mark Catholic Church. Saturday, June 13th** at 8:00 a.m. (Spanish), 10:00 a.m. (English) to 3:00 p.m. Most. Rev. Bishop Jugis will be our main celebrant. Fr. Pedro Nuñez, and Fr. Ernesto Maria Caro. Registration is \$10 by May 15th, then \$15 after if tickets are still available. Mail check to Jesus Through Mary Ministry of NC, Inc. PO Box 5052, Concord, NC 28027, or pay online at www.JesusThroughMary.org. Call 1-844-937-6279 & email alg@bestweb.net.

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Art Lessons: Your child or teen's inner Picasso will come out as they learn the fundamental skills of visual art through the use of various mediums. Lessons are held in the home in an individual or group setting. Contact Juliette Lee at 704-604-7916 or juliettelee@catholic.org for more information.

The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Held in the auditorium on the upper level of the main terminal above the Carolina Pit BBQ. *It is open 5:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.*

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from **6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings**. Call 800-THE-MASS or www.TheSundayMass.org.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Join St. John Neumann Parishioners on a **5-Night Cruise to the Bahamas** out of Charleston, SC on **Tuesday, October 6th through Sunday, October 11th**. Prices begin at \$388.02 per person and include all port fees and taxes. \$50 onboard credit per cabin and Holy Mass to be offered. Bus transportation available for an additional fee. For further information or to register, contact Terri DeLuca at tdelucamusica@gmail.com or call 704-774-7779.

Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal: October 20-30, 2015

Enjoy a spectacular trip to Spain and Portugal with first class accommodations **with Fr. Timothy Reid**. Trip highlights include Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1917, as well as sites associated with St. Teresa of Avila. The trip will also include visits to Salamanca, Madrid, Zaragoza (where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James in 40 AD), Montserrat, and Barcelona. Departures from Charlotte from \$3699/person. For a brochure, visit the St. Ann's website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org or contact parish office at 704-523-4641, ext. 221, or stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org.

REMINDERS

If you are approached by a panhandler on the church campus, **please do not give them money**. Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

There have been reports of car break-ins along Park Road. Lock your cars & put any items in your trunk.

To book a room in the Allen Center, call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

I encourage you to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly & silencing cell phones are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well.

To All Parents with Infants & Small Children

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies & small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass

Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

“We are pleased to announce that we now have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for even the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.”

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners & visitors with walkers & canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars & trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*